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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6586

INFL AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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SUBJECT: CSCE: NORDIC MINISTERS DISCUSSION

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1. EMBOFF ASKED MFA DEPPER UNDERSEC HELGASON SEPT 7 ABOUT BACKGROUND TO CSCE LANGUAGE IN NORDIC FONMINS' COPENHAGEN COMMUNIQUE.

2. HELGASON, WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN BOTH COPENHAGEN MEETING AND PRIOR REYKJAVIK WORKING-LEVEL SESSION, SAID LANGUAGE REFLECTED "DISAPPOINTMENT" AMONG NORDIC GOVERNMENTS AT LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING HELSINKI AGREEMENT ON PART OF USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEANS. ONLY POSITIVE POINT THAT COULD BE MADE REGARDING SITUATION IN THESE COUNTRIES ONE YEAR AFTER HELSINKI WAS THAT CONDITIONS WERE NOT AS BAD AS THEY HAD BEEN, HELGASON SAID. HOWEVER, COSMETIC STEPS TAKEN TO DATE COULD NOT BE PASSED OFF AS MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

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3. HELGASON SAID THERE WAS STRONG NORDIC CONSENSUS BEHIND THESE SENTIMENTS AND THAT DISAPPOINTMENT HAD BEEN STRESSED BOTH AT REYKJAVIK MEETING AND BY MINISTERS PERSONALLY IN COPENHAGEN. EVEN FINNS, WHO APPROACH SUCH MATTERS VERY CAREFULLY, ACCORDING TO HELGASON, GAVE TACIT ASSENT TO DELIBERATE LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE.
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